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ELEVATED VISIONS

Proposal. Friends of the Rail Park released renderings for a half-mile of the proposed path at the Reading Viaduct in Center City. **Delays.** The viaduct's two owners must work together to make the project happen. PAGE 02

The viaduct, top, could turn into an elevated walkway, bottom, if all goes according to plan. / FRIENDS OF THE RAIL PARK, COMMUNITY DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

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"The employers who signed this Compact have made a great move toward engaging the entire Philadelphia business community to focus on local residents first when hiring and training for new jobs."

Mayor Michael Nutter on the announcement yesterday of the inaugural Philadelphia Jobs Compact, under which four companies have committed to fill positions using local public workforce system Philadelphia Works

When will the Reading Viaduct finally rise?

Renewal. The effort to reclaim the Reading Viaduct for recreational use trudges on, but advocates still face some roadblocks.

Shown above is a rendering of the proposed City Branch renovation near the Community College of Philadelphia. / COMMUNITY DESIGN COLLABORATIVE

In the latest push to reclaim Philadelphia's Reading Viaduct as an elevated park, nonprofit Friends of the Rail Park released conceptual designs for the transformation of a half-mile stretch of the City Branch, just one part of a proposed three-mile path.

"That neighborhood where the City Branch goes through has a ton of cultural and arts destinations, and the City Branch has this incredible potential to thread them together," Friends of the Rail Park President Leah Murphy said.

So what's the holdup?

The Viaduct has two owners — SEPTA lays claim to a spur of the City Branch, while the rest of the corridor is owned by former railroad operator Reading International, which has since become an entertainment company that focuses on movie theaters.

Murphy says she's seen signs SEPTA may be willing to work with advocates. "SEPTA has done a number of rails to trails projects where they've owned former rail right-of-ways and allowed them to be reused as linear parks and recreational paths, so it's not something they're unaccustomed to doing," she said, adding that representatives have encouraged and escorted stakeholders on tours of the Viaduct.

Reading International doesn't appear as receptive. "Before the High Line in New York happened, no one really saw these structures as something valuable," Murphy said, adding that now that other cities are looking to the park as a model, it's changed the perceived value of abandoned rail assets owned by companies like Reading International. "I think they kind of set into the view of the Ninth Street Branch as a great opportunity to capitalize on — they're not going to give it away for a reasonable price."

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Roadblocks

Stalled?

Murphy said she doesn't expect meaningful movement toward funding the proposed park until the Viaduct's patchwork of ownership issues are resolved.

"There are a lot of opportunities, especially if you think of both branches together as one continuous path," she said. "Because then, instead of just being sort of an isolated neighborhood park just on the Ninth Street Branch, you're pursuing funding for both of them together," she said, citing the potential to link the Viaduct into a regional trail network on its west side. "I think when you think of the bigger picture and larger opportunities, you have the ability to plug in bigger sources for partnerships and grants and things like that."

Quoted

"Until we have some sort of agreement ... nothing can really happen on that side, so I think that's one of the biggest challenges — simply site control and assembling all the right-of-ways." Murphy

Landmark timeline

1995

SEPTA acquired a quarter-mile-long spur of the City Branch.

2003

The Reading Viaduct Project was founded to advocate for the elevated Ninth Street Branch.

2010

Friends of the Rail Park was created to promote a park. CCD commissioned a Viaduct study, which found renovation would be chaper than demolition.

2012

CCD did a design study for a public park.

2013

The City Planning Commission released its Philadelphia 2035 Central District Plan with the inclusion of a linear park as one potential future.

2014

Construction is set to start on the Center City District's SEPTA Spur park.

Excuse us?

Philly named a top snobby city

Philadelphia is one of the country's snobbiest cities, according to a ranking compiled by Travel + Leisure.

The magazine used reader responses to its 2012 America's Favorite Cities survey to calculate so-called "snobbiness" metrics in each of the country's major metropolitan areas. Factors included high-end shopping, artisanal coffeehouses and "highbrow cultural offerings like classical music and theater," along with measures of each city's tech-savviness and "reputation for aloof and smarty-pants residents."

The magazine cited the city's "historic pomp" — as displayed throughout the Historic District — and cocktail lounges in hot 'hoods like Rittenhouse and East Passyunk Square. ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

Ranking

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Philly ranked 14 out of 20 on the list, tying Kansas City, Mo., for the dubious honor. San Francisco was ranked the nation's most stuck-up city due to its foodie reputation and highbrow gallery and boutique scene.

Search and rescue

Boy missing in Pennypack Creek

Authorities yesterday mounted a desperate search and rescue operation after two boys, 11 and 13, became stranded in Pennypack Creek. Investigators said the children jumped into the water shortly before 1:45 p.m. and were quickly overwhelmed by the current.

The 11-year-old was rescued and taken to St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. The 13-year-old boy was not found yesterday. The search, which was called off around 5 p.m. because the water was too rough for divers, is set to resume today. METRO

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Union concessions necessary part of school budget gap

Funding. The plan submitted by state officials counts on as much as $133 million in union yields.

As much as $133 million in concessions from the teachers union is needed to help state lawmakers' plans dig city schools out of their budget hole.

American Federation of Teachers President Jerry Jordan said the union remains in negotiation, but the $133 million "is a very large amount of the budget."

"They are asking us to make a contribution that's greater than the contribution they are asking from the state Legislature," he said.

The state plan submitted Sunday night includes about $140 million for Philadelphia schools with about $15.9 million in new funding. If union concessions are met, the total plan could generate $270 million.

About $30 million will be dedicated to help the city collect back taxes more aggressively.

About $45 million in federal debt will be waived, and approximately $50 million will be borrowed against the extension of the 1-cent sales tax. Lawmakers said a 1-cent sales tax extension would raise about $120 million in the next few years.

The cigarette tax proposed by Mayor Michael Nutter, which would have raised about $45 million for the school district, was not approved at the Senate level.

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Quoted

"We probably won't know for a couple more days (after all bills are finalized) because we'll have to take a look at the numbers. ... And then we're going to have to figure when we can start making decisions on staffing."

School District spokesman Fernando Gallard on how the budget will affect the laid-off workers

A quick Ka'Chi break at the Navy Yard

Kyle Black took a lunch break yesterday for some grub from the Ka'Chi food truck at the Navy Yard. Monday marked the first day food trucks were available for lunchtime treats every day of the week, not just on Thursdays, which had been the regular schedule. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Shooting

Man, 19, severely injured after gunfire

A 19-year-old man is in critical condition with severe brain trauma after he was shot in the head in Southwest Philadelphia yesterday.

The shooting happened just before 2 a.m. on the 1600 block of South Frazier Street, police said.

Officers found the teen victim, who resides in the area, face down on the sidewalk.

The victim was rushed to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for treatment. **METRO**

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Fry unveiled Drexel Ventures yesterday, a program he hopes will create a culture in which inventors and entrepreneurs will thrive. The plan is to offer students and faculty space, money and direction on how to cultivate an idea, submit a patent and bring it to the marketplace.

To Drexel students and faculty, Fry said that "if you're someone with an idea that you'd like to take to market, we'll provide the infrastructure for you to do it.

"Now your idea has to be good enough to make it; it's only going to make it on the market test," he said. "But instead of you not having the expertise to go to, to get the kind of coaching and help you need or the funds, or the space in the form of an incubator, we'll provide all that."

Along with a few other ideas, Fry wants to the college to become a "one-stop shop" for entrepreneurship and innovation at Drexel.

The university has invested about $20 million in the project.

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Quoted

"We've never seemed to capture the right ingredient here in Philadelphia, even though when you take a look at it from a talent perspective or an asset perspective, we seem to have all of the same assets if not more so in some cases than most other communities."

Fry on keeping innovators here

Go Fourth and learn

Students got a hands-on lesson yesterday about the history of dairy from Wawa at Franklin Square as part of the Welcome America festival. Mayor Michael Nutter read "Happy, Healthy Ajay!" to children and their parents. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Gift

West Philly HS gets $1M

West Catholic High School received $1 million, the largest gift in its almost century-long history, officials announced yesterday.

The gift will be put toward a five-year plan to make the high school self-sustaining.

The school was originally considered for closure. METRO

Court

Cop gets bail reduced

A judge reduced the bail of Richard DeCoatsworth, 27, the decorated former Philadelphia police officer charged with rape and aggravated assault, from $60 million to $3 million.

The judge said it was a more appropriate amount. METRO

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US seeks to calm European outrage over alleged spying

EU. Policymakers said talks on a free-trade deal should be frozen until the U.S. clarified its activities.

President Barack Obama tried yesterday to reassure European allies affronted by reports of U.S. spying by suggesting all the world's intelligence services were involved in finding out the thinking of opponents and allies alike.

The European Union has demanded the United States explain a report in a German magazine that Washington was spying on the bloc, saying that, if true, such surveillance was shocking.

French President Francois Hollande called the alleged action intolerable, saying it could hinder U.S. relations with Paris and the EU. "We want this to stop fast," he said.

Obama promised to supply all the information requested by European allies regarding the spying allegations, which he said Washington was still evaluating.

"Every intelligence service, not just ours, but every European intelligence service, every Asian intelligence service, wherever there's an intelligence service, here's one thing they're going to be doing: They're going to be trying to understand the world better and what's going on in world capitals around the world from sources that aren't available through the New York Times or NBC News," Obama said.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who is in Brunei for an Asian security conference, said the United States was not alone in using "lots of activities" to safeguard its security.

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EU President Martin Schulz
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Quoted

"I was always sure that dictatorships, some authoritarian systems, tried to listen ... but that measures like that are now practiced by an ally, by a friend, that is shocking, if it is true."

Martin Schulz, president of the EU Parliament, on U.S. spying allegations during a France 2 radio interview

French President Francois Hollande / GETTY IMAGES

Immigration source. Snowden applies for asylum in Russia

Former U.S. spy agency contractor Edward Snowden has applied for political asylum in Russia, a Russian immigration source close to the matter said yesterday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a WikiLeaks activist who is traveling with Snowden handed his application to a Russian consulate in the transit area at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport late on Sunday.

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Espionage

Russian, U.S. leaders tell security services to end standoff

The Russian and U.S. presidents have told their security services to resolve the standoff over Edward Snowden, Russia's RIA news agency quoted a Russian official as saying yesterday.

RIA cited Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of Russian President Vladimir Putin's advisory Security Council, as saying it would not be easy for the FBI and Russia's FSB to agree over the fate of Snowden.

Putin has ignored calls to extradite Snowden to face espionage charges in the United States. Another Russian official, presidential aide Yuri Ushakov, said Putin had not discussed the situation with U.S. President Barack Obama.

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Surviving student loans

Money. We asked experts how they suggest students deal with the recent increase in student loan interest rates.

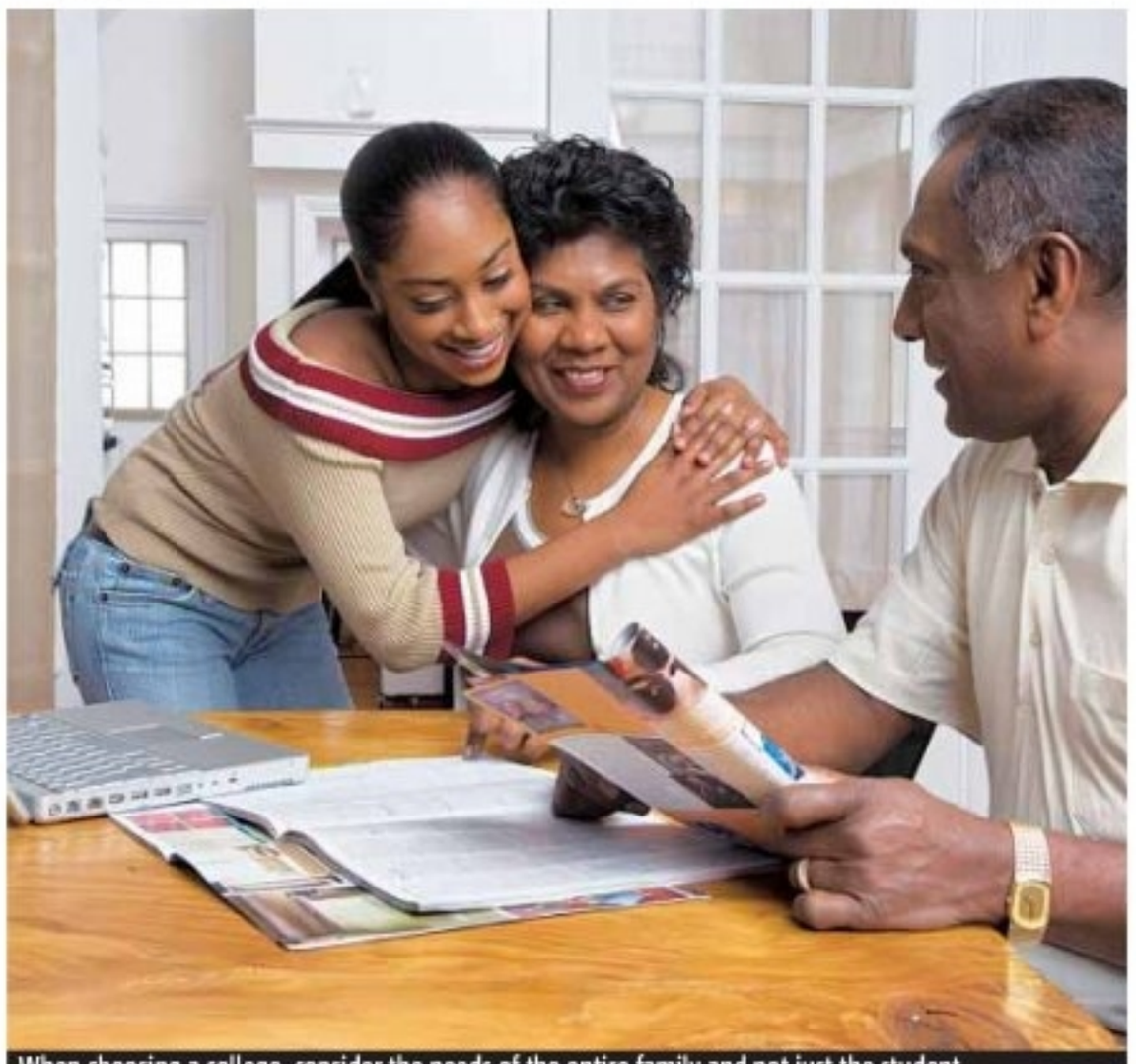
Interest rates on U.S.-government-backed student loans doubled yesterday, going from 3.4 to 6.8 percent, though it's possible that Congress could re-evaluate the rate change after the July 4th recess. Either way, the struggle with student loan debt is an increasingly significant part of higher education in the United States, and our experts say that the easiest way to deal with it is by planning ahead.

Frank Palmasani, a high school counselor and author of "Right College, Right Price," advises students to think of college as a fit not only for them personally, but as a compatible choice with their family's financial needs. He says families need to reconsider how they choose a college.

"This requires a huge paradigm shift, where we have to disregard the pursuit of colleges based only on the student's preferences," he says. "In many ways, this [interest rate increase] reinforces the importance of incorporating prudent financial decision-making into the work of a high school guidance counselor," he says.

Eric Greenberg has been advising students on their college choices and helping them prepare for tests since he founded Greenberg Educational Group in 1991. His advice to students struggling with increasing student loan debt is simple: "Taking on debt is a serious commitment."

"Students need to examine the likelihood of their making enough money to be able to comfortably pay back the loans in a reasonable number of years," he says. His practical advice for students looking at schools is to begin at a less expensive school and transfer to a more prestigious, expensive college later in their degree process. "Since many employers and graduate schools look more closely at what a student has done recently, where the student graduates from tends to have the most impact."



When choosing a college, consider the needs of the entire family and not just the student, our experts say. Financial decisions have big consequences. / GETTY IMAGES/CREATAS RF

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"Students need to examine the likelihood of their making enough money to be able to comfortably pay back the loans in a reasonable number of years." Eric Greenberg

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Routine. For recent grads moving into the 'real world,' adjusting to a new schedule can be a challenge

Getting enough sleep is important for everyone, but for new grads, the change in routine tends to be a big one. Gone are the days where you could grab a couple extra minutes (or hours) of sleep as needed.

Sleep deprivation is linked to all kinds of scary side effects, so here are some simple tips to make sure you're getting enough shut-eye.

Get up, graduates — gone are the days of napping to make up for your nights out. / GETTY IMAGES

1 Turn off electronics. Set a curfew for your electronics. Researchers have found that there might be a correlation between using electronics before bed and sleep quality. In order to fall asleep, our body needs time to wind down, and it can't do that right after looking at the bright lights of a television, computer or smartphone. To make sure that your sleep isn't being hampered by your electronics, stay away from using them an hour or two before you hit the pillow.

2 Stay away from sugar and caffeine. There's nothing like a sweet treat or warm drink before bed, but try to stay away from anything with high sugar or caffeine levels, as they can keep you awake for hours after you drink them.

3 Wind down. Sadly, our minds don't shut off the second we put our head on the pillow. Our bodies take time to relax enough to fall asleep. Winding down before you go to bed can be anything that relaxes you: reading a book, organizing your things for the next day, going for a walk, stretching or talking with your roommate. Whatever makes you feel less anxious — do it! This will help you be ready for a good night's sleep!

Tip No. 4: Say no

If your friends' plans are tiring and affecting your work ethic, don't be afraid to pass every once in a while. This doesn't mean that you should become a hermit, but be aware of when you need to put your sleep first and socializing second.

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Demi Lovato: Barney saved my life

Demi Lovato has extracted way more meaning from the big purple dinosaur she used to work under (that would be Barney) than I ever did as a kid.

"Looking back, there was a connection, probably between any kid who's ever sang that song to Barney, a little place in a child's heart, a void that could be filled," she says in the newest issue of Cosmopolitan. "And maybe Barney fills it. I guess subliminally, I did have a relationship with this figure that was saving my life in a way."

Kids, this is what rampant drug abuse does to your brain: tricks you into developing friendships with ginormous talking purple dinosaurs. Yet another reason to just say no.

Ruben Studdard joins 'The Biggest Loser'

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Almost a decade ago, Ruben Studdard sang to us that he was "sorry for 2004," and now it looks like he's also feeling a little sorry for packing on the pounds. Indeed, the second "American Idol" champ is set to join the weight-loss juggernaut this fall, People reports. Studdard says his previous attempts at curtailing his obesity — he rang in at 455 pounds in 2006 — haven't gotten him very far before and that he's looking to get healthy so he lowers his risk for high blood pressure, diabetes and heart problems.

As long as he still keeps on enough meat for me to keep referring to him by his old nickname, "the velvet teddy bear," I'm all for it. But please, if you can, Ruben, try not to go the Jonah Hill route — we all know how that turned out. And let's hope he gets back into singing, because I'm still not going to forgive him for "Sorry 2004."

THE WORD

Meredith Engel takes on the world of gossip.

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Farrah Abraham enters rehab, world rolls its eyes

Teen-mom-turned-porn-star Farrah Abraham is checking into a rehab facility in Florida to deal with her drinking problem, Us Weekly reports. She'll spend 10 days at the Lukens Institute in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"I'm 22 and I want to make better choices and ensure I can recognize when I am putting myself in a bad situation next time," says the reality star, who within the past year has made a slew of good decisions, like driving under the influence (for which she got a DUI) and starring in a porno with James Deen.

But I don't think running away to Florida is going to solve your problem, Farrah. If anything, being in Florida (in a place other than Disney World, natch) is only going to want to make you hit the bottle harder.

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Ultimate diva

2 Music icon **Mariah Carey** hit the stage for a performance as well.

Opening act

3 Singer **Chris Brown** opened the show with a high-energy performance of his song "Fine China."

Olympic lovely

4 Olympic gold medalist **Gabby Douglas** poses with her "Sportswoman of the Year" award.

Champion couple

5 Miami Heat star guard **Dwyane Wade** was spotted enjoying the show with his girlfriend, actress **Gabrielle Union**.

Compton kid wins big

6 It was a major night for rapper **Kendrick Lamar,** as he performed and won three awards, including "Best New Artist."

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"The 1812 Overture" is done all over the country this time of year. Do you have your own particular angle on the piece?
I think at this point, just about every angle has been tried. Personally, I try to stay as close to the truth of what Tchaikovsky wrote on paper.

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Cristian Macelaru will conduct the concert. / BOB WILLIAMS

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10 P.M., MTV

REALITY

'The Real Housewives of Orange County'

In this 100th episode special, behind-the-scenes clips and interviews are revealed. We're mostly concerned with the fact that this trainwreck has been around this long.

9 P.M., BRAVO

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Time travel for the Fourth

Delve into some history this holiday weekend.

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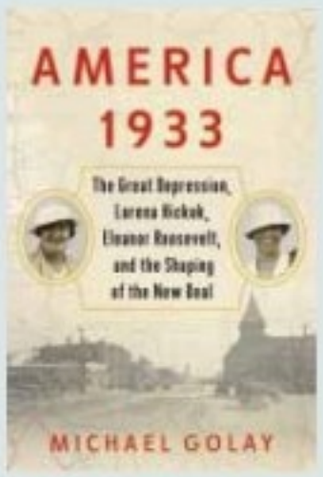
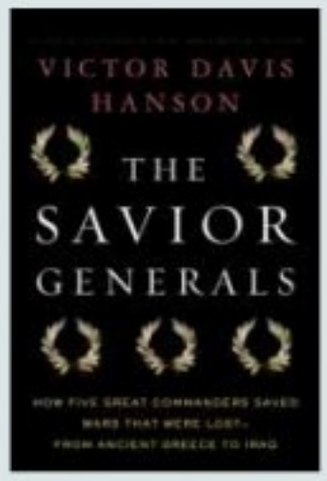


'America 1933'

This Depression-era book focuses on Lorena Hickok, a news reporter and friend of Eleanor Roosevelt. The administration tasked her with spending 18 months touring the country and asked her to report back. The book catalogues her correspondence as she traveled by car from state to state. Author Michael Golay, who has written three previous history books, used letters to recreate the time period and her relationship with Roosevelt.

'July 1914'

"July 1914" is also a new release — albeit outside of our American theme — that takes a look at this single month in World War I-era history, beginning with the June murder of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Author Sean McMeekin uses this month to delve into the stories behind the people who pushed the world into World War I. Tracking the genesis of the first global war, this book zeroes in on a single month that altered history.



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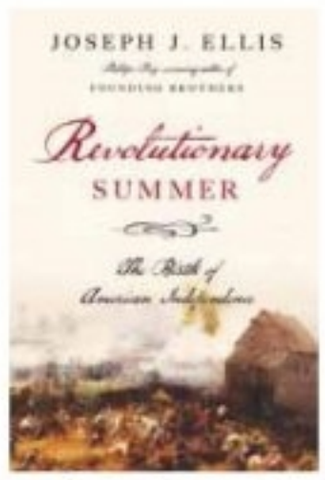

'Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence'

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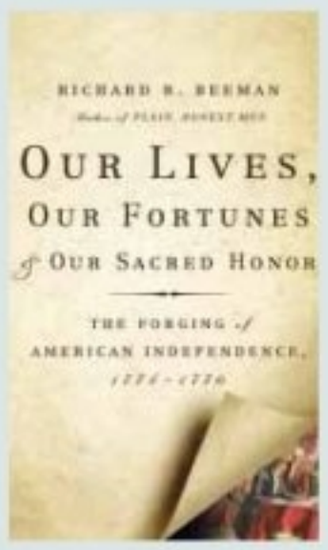

'Our Lives, Our Fortunes and Our Sacred Honor: The Forging of American Independence, 1774-1776'

Revisit American independence in "Our Lives, Our Fortunes and Our Sacred Honor: The Forging of American Independence, 1774-1776," by historian Richard Beeman, who counts the Constitution among his passions. The book details the 22 months during which American transitioned from a colony into a republic, and from subjects under the Brits to identifying as American citizens for the first time in history.

History lesson

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Make **Wentworth by the Sea** your home base to explore Portsmouth. With all rooms boasting water views, this grand hotel was saved from demolition and reopened in 2003 (but not before serving as the setting of the Robert Downey Jr. thriller "In Dreams"). Its restaurant, **Salt**, is fresh off an extensive remodeling with a new menu and an herb garden, used by the bartenders for seasonal cocktails. In the morning, head to Portsmouth **Kayak Adventures** (www.portsmouthkayak.com) for a few hours of guided leisure on the Piscataqua River, no experience required. Have lunch downtown on the water at **Martingale Wharf** (www.martingalewharf.com), where most everything on the menu has a gluten-free version. Shop for an unexpected accessory at **Puttin' on the Glitz** (www.puttinontheglitznh.com) — proprietor Assiah Russell swears by the power of a hat.

The Tipsy Tiramisu dessert is served at the renovated Salt restaurant inside Wentworth by the Sea. / EVA KIS

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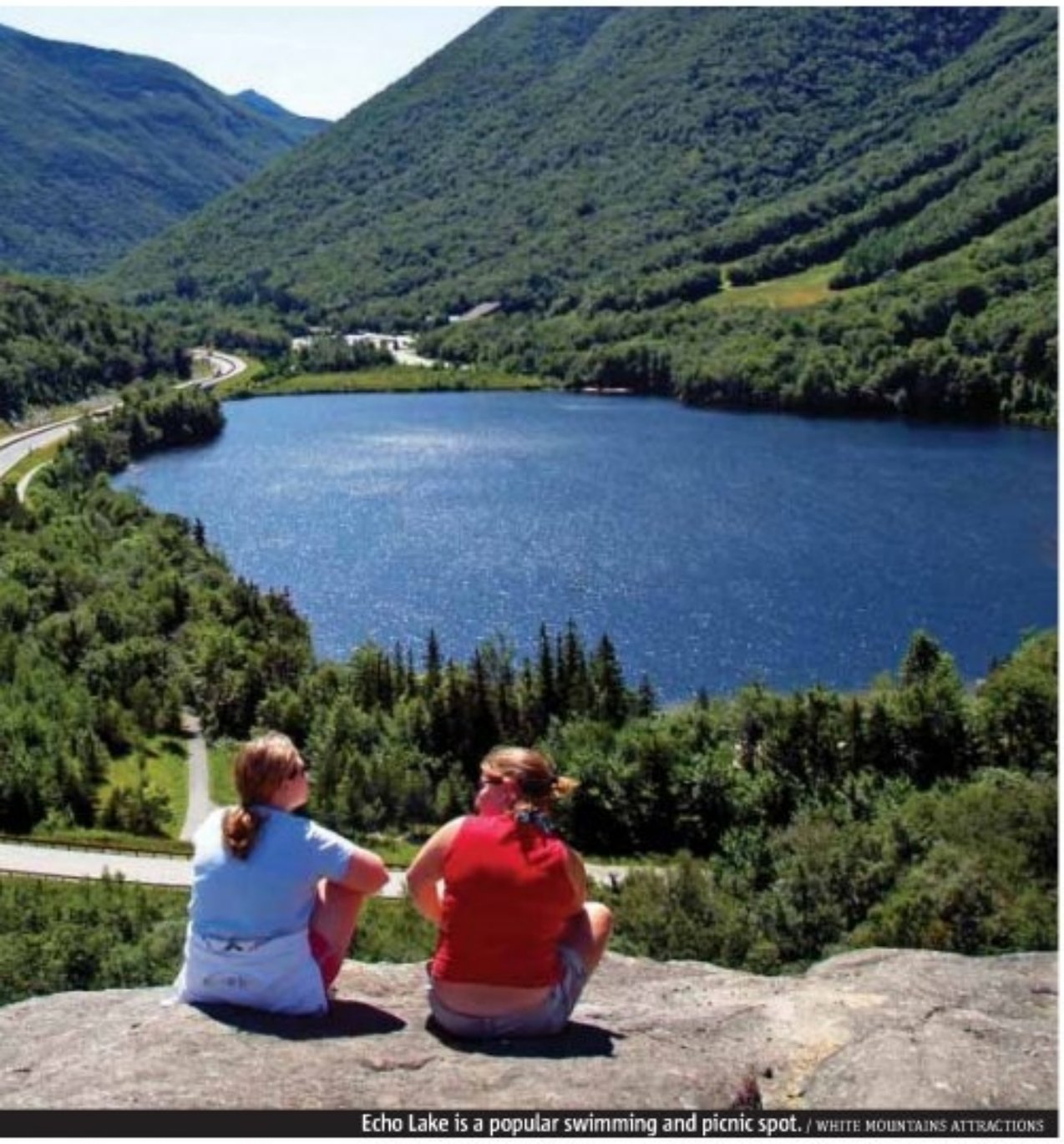

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One of Franconia Notch State Park's natural wonders is the Flume gorge. / WHITE MOUNTAINS ATTRACTIONS

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Franconia Notch/ Plymouth

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Something tells me we're not in Philly anymore. / JANET CHOI, METRO

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If you want your home-away-from-home base to be in close proximity to the Magic Kingdom, try the Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek. This 2-year-old flagship Wyndham Grand property is conveniently located within the gates of Walt Disney World and provides complimentary private shuttle service to the theme parks. Situated on a 10-acre lake, there are countless features catering to kids, both big and small.

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Find rest and relaxation at the Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort Bonnet Creek. / JANET CHOI, METRO

To reward yourself for hours of standing in line to ride Under the Sea: Journey of the Little Mermaid, book a massage at Blue Harmony Spa (don't forget to finish off your visit with the Experience Shower.) If you're the active type, guests of the resort have access to the Rees Jones-designed championship golf course at the nearby Waldorf Astoria Golf Club. And if gluttony is more your thing, you've lucked out. The resort offers a spectrum of dining options, from the award-winning deep blu seafood grille (cedar-baked swordfish, anyone?) to Back Bay Pool Bar & Grill, the open-air restaurant that will dropkick you into a food coma with its Krispy Kreme doughnut burger and fried pickles with chipotle ranch dressing.

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For a non-Disney day

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Enjoy fireworks safely this Fourth of July

Safety. Children are the most common victims of firework accidents. Here is how to keep your little one safe.

Children are the most common victims of firework accidents. / GETTY IMAGES

Every July, fireworks crackle and sizzle in celebration of Independence Day. Although most spinners and firecrackers successfully illuminate the night sky, thousands of misfires cause significant harm to consumers with little experience in pyrotechnics.

"Too many Fourth of July celebrations are ruined because a child has to be rushed to the emergency room after a fireworks accident," says Dr. Kenneth Cheng, a pediatric ophthalmologist at the Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology (PAO).

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, of the more than 9,000 fireworks-related injuries each year, 30 percent involve the eyes, and one fourth of those injuries result in partial loss of vision or blindness.

In the lead-up to the Fourth of July, the PAO is urging consumers to let professionals handle the fireworks shows. Since children are by far the most common victims of firework accidents, the PAO suggests establishing safety barriers, keeping a safe distance away from any lit firework and storing unexploded fireworks far away from the crowds to minimize potential injuries.

The $900 million firework industry sees approximately three and half injuries per 100 pounds of fireworks used every year; 32 percent of injuries are caused by the loudest of the explosive bunch — firecrackers.

Though maybe the least exciting fireworks, hand-held sparklers are the most dangerous to young children, as they blaze at a temperature scalding enough to cause a third-degree burn.

"The best way to reduce injuries is to designate a shooter and use the fireworks as they are intended," says Ralph Apel, spokesman for the National Council on Fireworks Safety. "If consumers know their fireworks and use them responsibly, we should see a decrease in injuries."

CHRIS LONGO
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Stay safe

Safety tips from the PAO:

- Never let children play with fireworks of any type.
- View fireworks from a safe distance: at least 500 feet away or up to a quarter of a mile for best viewing.
- Respect safety barriers set up to allow pyrotechnicians to do their jobs safely.
- Leave the lighting of fireworks to trained professionals.
- Follow directions given by event ushers or public safety personnel.
- If you find unexploded fireworks remains, do not touch them. Immediately contact your local fire or police departments.
- If you get an eye injury from fireworks, seek medical help immediately.
- Sparklers can burn at nearly 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause a third-degree burn.

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♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Don't be disturbed by negative appearances. Pleasant surprises are likely to be waiting in the wings.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Circumstances that are having a good effect on your prestige and reputation continue to operate.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. You have a marvelous way of handling things that will benefit everyone with whom you're involved, as well as reward yourself. It'll be second nature.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Situations in which you share a common interest with a partner will prove especially lucky.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Group arrangements should work out quite well, provided each person involved plays his role without deviation.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. You stand a very good chance of earning much more than usual for your expertise and/or talent. There is no need to be modest

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Instead of seeing yourself as a participant, take a much more active managerial role.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Success in your endeavors is a strong possibility, provided you use your initiative and your imagination. Don't back away from obstacle.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Take steps to reinforce the bond between you and the one you love. Do anything you can to make it more harmonious.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Spend some quality time on situations or projects that could improve your financial situation.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. With your popularity ascending, those who already find you appealing will be even more strongly attracted to you.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Try to work on a pursuit in ways that won't be obvious to your competitors. By the time they become aware of your objective, you'll be done. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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1 Ballpark figure
7 Loan abbr.
10 Iron hook
14 Oval-nest builder
15 No, to a laird
16 Mishmash
17 Interstellar dust cloud
18 Hankering
19 Without — — to stand on
20 Outdoor hobby (hyph.)
23 Titled
26 Split
27 Tall and slender
28 Mayberry moppet
29 Tofu constituent
30 LAX regulators
31 British inc.
32 GI address
33 Hot coals
37 Affinity
38 Disparity
39 Suffix for "press"
40 Fiddlestick
41 Bliss
43 Flaming
44 "Not— — long shot!"
45 Belief
46 Unknown factors
47 Merger or buyout
48 Quaffs
51 Wolfed
52 Move crabwise
53 Roman relic (2 wds.)
56 Archipelago dot
57 Peggy or Brenda
58 Coronets
62 AAA suggestions
63 "Bien" opposite
64 Pianist's span
65 Miss Trueheart of the comics
66 "Woof!"
67 Shortstop — Reese

Down

1 From, in Hamburg
2 Sooner than
3 Pen part
4 Stuntman
5 Dragon puppet
6 Be a parent
7 No matter what
8 Joyous outburst
9 Housing expense
10 Green light (hyph.)
11 Kate's sitcom friend
12 Monster
13 Socked in
21 Wilted
22 Rubbernecked
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33 Time to be in
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42 Mate for Shere Khan
46 "A house divided against —"
47 Open wider
48 Flannel item
49 Squander
50 Lazes about
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61 Drop in on

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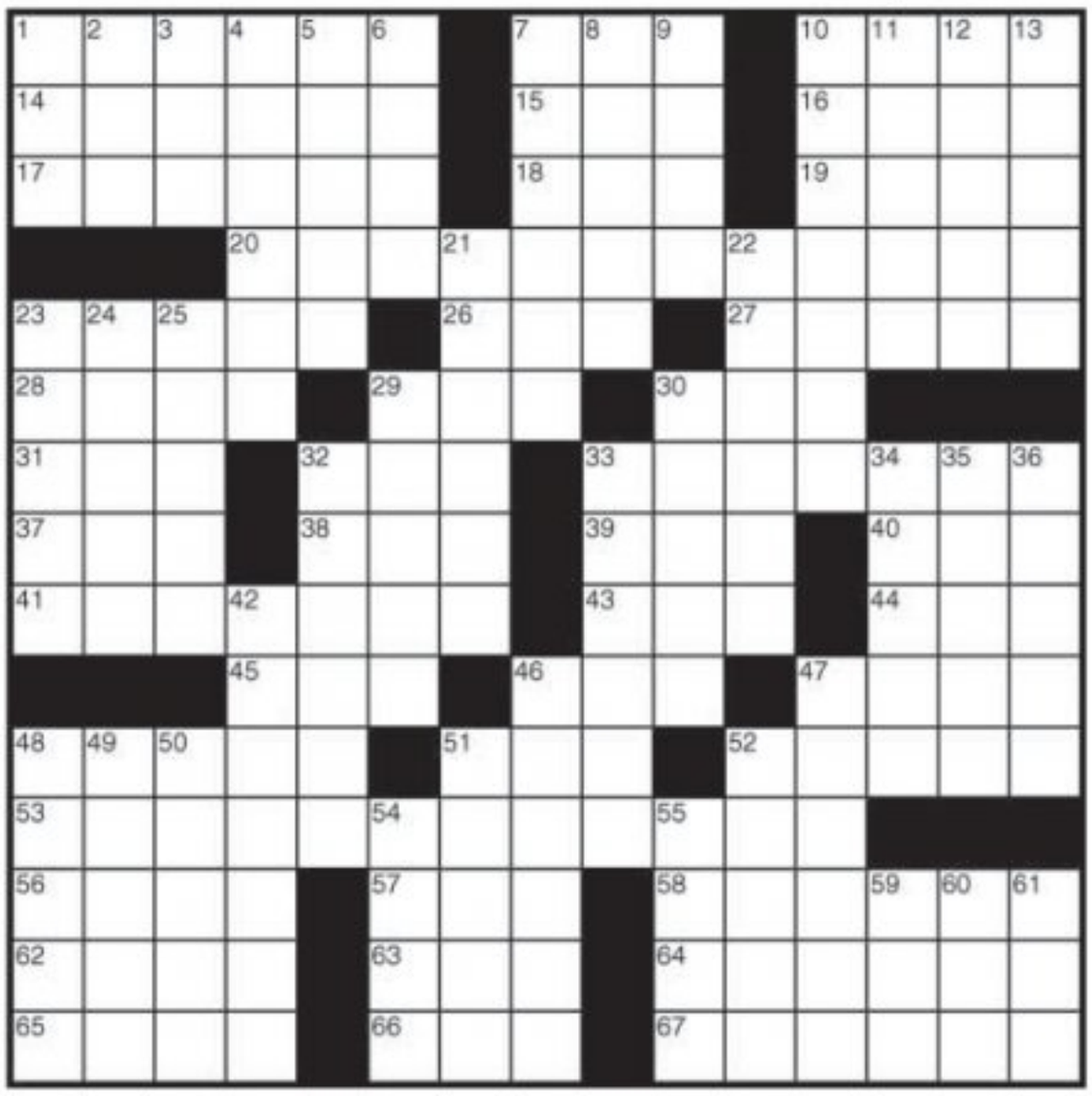

Letters

Blame Zappa for crazy baby names

Re: 'Origins of the naming craze' (Metro, July 1) and 'You named your baby what?!' (Metro, June 28-30) Actually, you're both wrong.

The naming craze started when Frank Zappa named his children Dweezil and Moon Unit. Imagine THAT during high school.
JAMES BURGESS, VIA EMAIL

Go buy a coconut and drink it all up

Re: 'Differences in what you drizzle' (Metro, July 1) You are completely wrong about coconut oil.

In places where it is consumed, heart disease is actually non-existent.

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GEORGE D FRANK, VIA EMAIL

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NO-TRADE CLAUSE: KEEPING UTLEY IS A MUST

The Voice of Philly Sports

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Chase Utley has earned a distinction accessible only to the worthiest of athletes. He deserves to finish his career where he started it, in Philadelphia.

As the July 31 trade deadline approaches, Utley's name will lead a list of aging Phillies available to the highest bidder, and the second baseman holds a special appeal to contenders because he plays the game the right way. Utley respects baseball the way few do these days, and that's why the Phillies absolutely should not trade him, regardless of the offer.

"I kind of view Chase Utley as a Phillie for life," GM Ruben Amaro said. "That's my hope."

And yet the trade rumors grow louder, both because Utley is in the final year of his contract and because the Phillies absolutely must get younger. The urge to convert a revitalized Utley into a top prospect or two will be strong.

But Amaro shouldn't do it. Instead, he should call up the replay of a game-winning moment against San Diego last week in the 13th inning, when Utley busted it from second on what should have been an inning-ending groundout. He wasn't done. Then, Utley beat the throw home by a stride after the Padres' second baseman booted the ball.

How many players would have made it home on that play? Or in that situation? One player who would not have scored, guaranteed, is teammate Jimmy Rollins, who continues to abuse the game with his chronic laziness. Rollins isn't alone. Hundreds of other players act as if running hard three or four times a night is an unreasonable imposition.

At 33, with brittle knees, Utley refuses to compromise his ideals. In an Internet poll involving hundreds of fans the morning after that hustle play, 85 percent said they would trade Rollins — who still has a year on his contract — before they would ever part ways with Utley. Yesterday, another poll showed that 68 percent want Utley to finish his career as a Phillie.

What it comes down to is that the Phils will need to begin rebuilding their old roster after they come to grips with the futility of this season, and there is no player, anywhere, who would be a better influence on the next generation than Utley.

On Aug. 6, 2006, legendary broadcaster Harry Kalas highlighted a play in which Utley scored all the way from second on an infield out with words we will remember forever: "Chase Utley, you are the man!"

All these years later, he still is.

Quoted

"I kind of view Chase Utley as a Phillie for life. That's my hope."

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Chase Utley is and always will be "the man." / GETTY IMAGES

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Analysis

Who is Sam Hinkie?

After six weeks in hiding, Sam Hinkie unleashed his plan for the Sixers with a blockbuster trade, a flurry of other moves and the promise of a basketball revolution.

One question: Who the heck is Sam Hinkie?

All we know about the new general manager is he embraces the power of statistics, and he may be the most socially awkward sports executive in at least a generation here. We are also pretty sure he is paranoid about secrecy in a city that demands transparency, and that he doesn't give a damn about 2013-14.

The amazing thing about Hinkie's first steps toward a total reboot of the organization is that fans embraced it. The totally unproven GM traded the one valuable player on the roster, Jrue Holiday, and fans had no problem with it. At 23, Holiday is not much older than the three young players — Nerlens Noel, Michael Carter-Williams and Arsalan Kazemi — Hinkie drafted, and he's far more accomplished. So why the cheers?

Because the thing fans hate most is the boring, hopeless status quo that has destroyed all interest in a once-proud franchise. They would rather swing for the fences and strike out than try to lay down another bunt. Hinkie gave them what they wanted last week. He gave them hope.

Please consider these hard truths amid the joy over the GM's first bold moves. Hinkie is unproven as a GM, in an organization with no support system. He still hasn't even gotten around to hiring a coach. He has no feeling for the city where he works. He is a long shot.

Last year, the Sixers built around the brittle knees of Andrew Bynum. This year, the savior is a stat nerd with no experience as a GM. Good luck to the Sixers.

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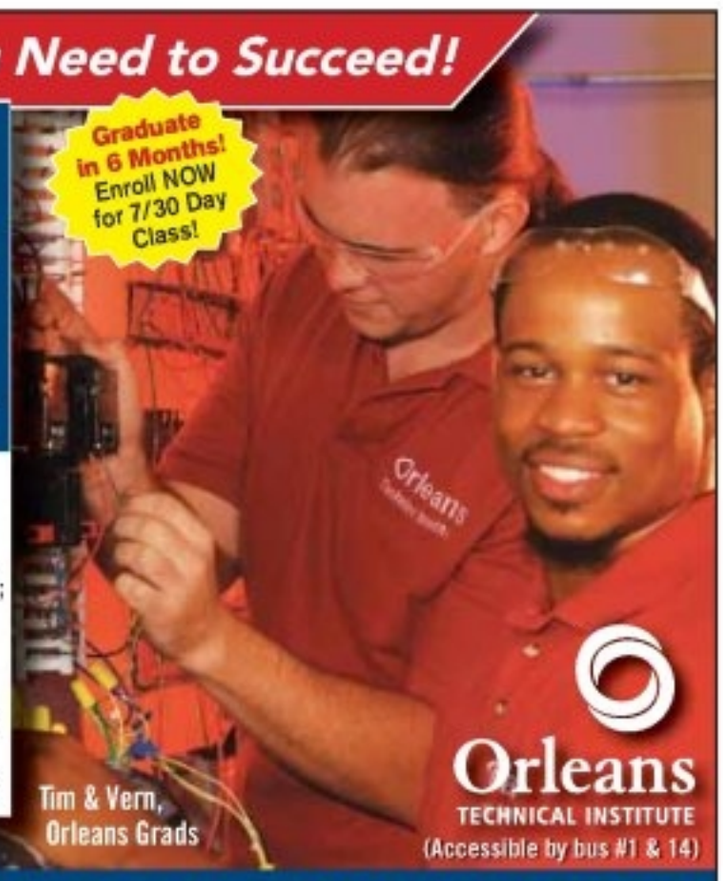

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Opinion. Don't let the door hit you on the way out, Bryzgalov

Let the record show that Ilya Bryzgalov ended his eventful two-year tenure as a Flyer last week in typical style: He hung up on reporters twice, issued the most insincere statement in history and then called upon his agent to vilify the team that handed him $22 million not to play here.

To a vast majority of the fans, Bryzgalov was the biggest bust in free-agent history, a reckless head case who wasn't very good at closing his legs when a shot approached or his mouth when a microphone appeared. In a sports world filled with jackasses, he is king.

Bryzgalov's refusal to answer questions after the Flyers used an amnesty exemption on him was one final middle finger to a city that he hated even more than we hated him.

Remember, he called Philadelphia dirty and depicted residents as a pack of welfare frauds.

Of course, the real fraud was Bryzgalov, as he proved with a lame written statement of thanks followed by insulting remarks from his agent.

In a radio interview in Edmonton, his agent called Philadelphia a "horrible" place for a goalie because of the pressure from fans and the defensive schemes of coach Peter Laviolette.

The agent was obviously speaking for his client when he denigrated our city, so now I'd like to speak for the fans who wasted thousands of dollars watching a loudmouthed stiff ruin two seasons.

Good riddance, Ilya. You didn't deserve Philadelphia.

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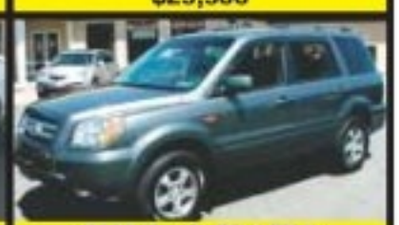

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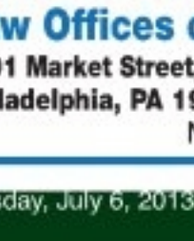

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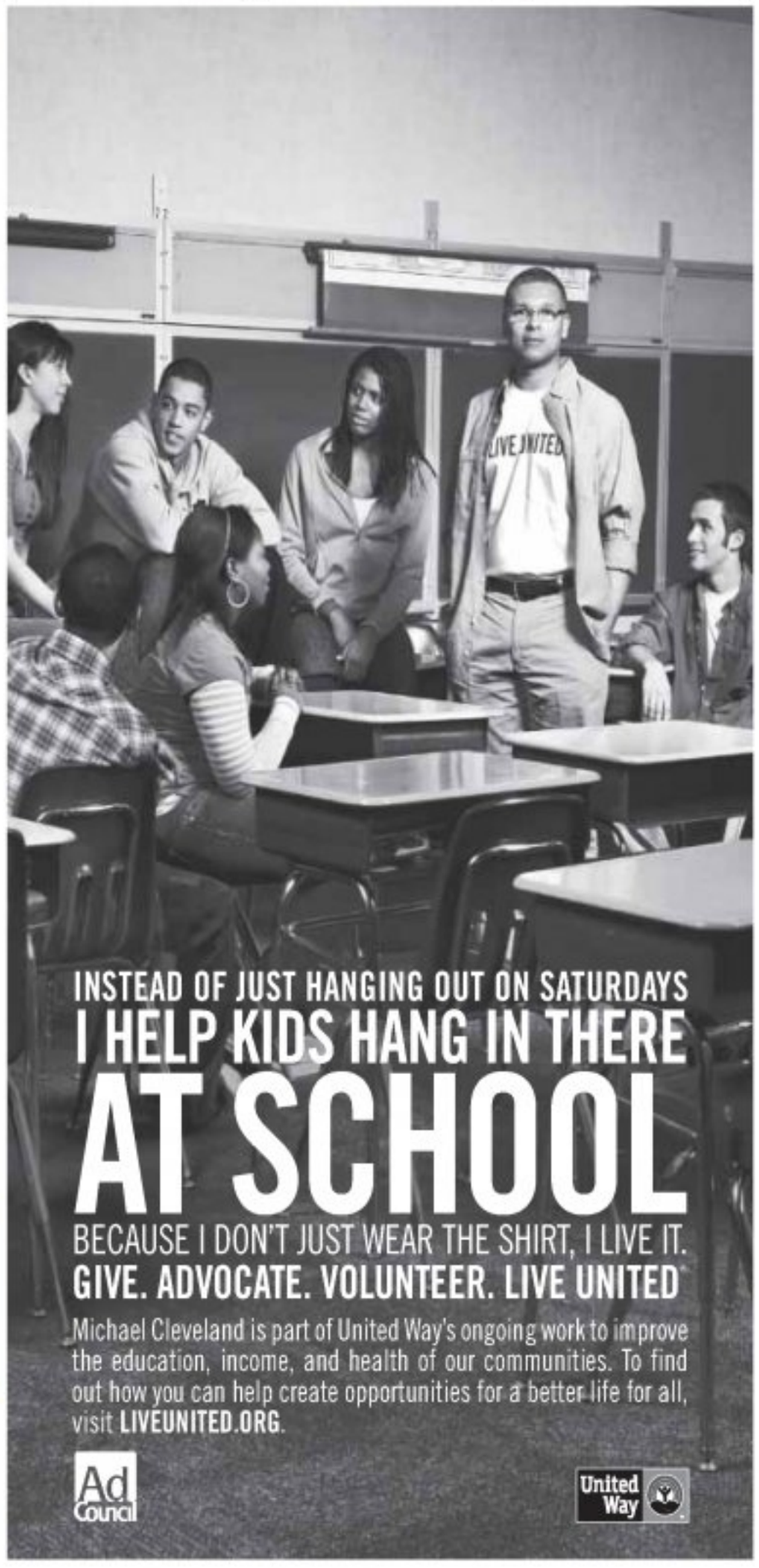
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